CODA Sobering Services Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Question. Who are CODA's Sobering services for?
Answer. Individuals who are under the influence of intoxicating substances, who could benefit from a safe place to rest, and who are agreeable to the service.

Q. What is the capacity of the Sobering service?
A. The program will serve up to 16 participants at a time, for less than 24 hours per visit.

Q. What is it like to be in Sobering?
A. Participants will experience a safe, welcoming environment where they can rest or remain safely occupied while intoxicated. Nurses and Peer Mentors will provide regular safety checks, assess needs, and offer access to treatment and community resources.

Q. Does the program offer medical treatment/intervention?
A. No. Participants are under observation of nursing staff, but do not receive prescribed medications or direct care.

Q. What happens if a patient requires medical treatment?
A. Medical staff will perform triage, and if medical treatment/intervention is required, will escalate the patient to a higher level of care (e.g. Withdrawal Management or emergency services).

Q. Can anyone walk in for Sobering Services?
A. No. Access to the program is limited to referrals from approved partners.

Q. How do I become and approved referral partner?
A. Contact Kim Krause at KimKrause@codainc.org to begin the process to become an approved referral partner.

Q. What are the steps to refer individuals to the program?
A. First, a brief, preliminary phone screen with the referral source will identify any rule-outs and confirm program capacity. Upon arrival, a brief hand-off with a nurse will ensure the individual can be safely supervised within the setting.

Q. Will patients from out of county be accepted?
A. Yes

Q. Is some form of insurance or identification required?
A. No

Q. Will participants have access to other CODA services?
A. Individuals interested in treatment will be able to transition directly into other services located at the BRC.

Q. What if someone tries to leave?
A. All participants in Sobering are voluntary. Our goal is for the individual to stay until acute intoxication has resolved and individuals can safely leave on their own. Participants will receive assistance with transportation, community resources, and treatment referrals.

Q. How often can someone access Sobering?
A. Individuals are not limited in how often they can use Sobering services. We believe every visit is an opportunity to initiate change.